

Listing of Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior version, and listings, of claims in the application – No amendments were made to the claims:

1. (previously presented): A computerized method of operating an e-mail-invoked application server comprising the steps of:

receiving an incoming e-mail message from a sender utilizing a network, wherein the incoming e-mail includes content and a destination address having an address format;

determining which application of a plurality of applications available on the e-mail-invoked application server will accept the incoming e-mail for processing by comparing the address format of the destination address to acceptable address formats defined by the applications;

refusing the incoming e-mail when it is determined that no application will accept the incoming e-mail for processing; and

invoking at least one of the plurality of applications to process the content of the incoming e-mail when it is determined that the address format of the destination address is one of the acceptable address formats defined by the at least one application.

2. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, further including the step of storing at least a portion of the incoming e-mail message in a database.

3. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application is selected from the group consisting of a lead tracking application, a job requisitioning application, an event planning application, a task list management application, a project management application, and an accountability application.

4. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming email generates a reply to the incoming e-mail message to advance the processing of a task.

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5. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application summarizes an interaction between one or more users of the e-mail-invoked application server.

6. (original): A method as recited in claim 5, wherein a task list is generated to summarize the interaction.

7. (canceled).

8. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming email generates an event to advance the processing of a task.

9. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 2, wherein a reply to the e-mail message is utilized to generate another e-mail message to obtain information for the database.

10. (canceled).

11. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the e-mail message includes an attachment.

12. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, wherein the incoming e-mail message has one or more attributes, and further comprising steps of:
generating an index based on the one or more attributes of the incoming e-mail message; and
storing the index in a database.

13. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
storing the incoming email message in a database;

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categorizing the content of the incoming e-mail message into one or more categories, and

permitting retrieval of information from the database according to at least one of the one or more categories.

14. (canceled).

15. (previously presented): A computer program embodied on a computer readable medium for operating an e-mail-invoked application server, comprising:

a code segment for receiving an incoming e-mail message from a sender utilizing a network, wherein the incoming e-mail includes content and a destination address having an address format;

a code segment for determining which application of a plurality of applications available on the e-mail-invoked application server will accept the incoming e-mail for processing by comparing the address format of the destination address to acceptable address formats defined by the applications;

a code segment for refusing the incoming e-mail when it is determined that no application will accept the incoming e-mail for processing; and

a code segment for invoking at least one of the plurality of applications to process the content of the incoming e-mail when it is determined that the address format of the destination address is one of the acceptable address formats defined by the at least one application.

16. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, further including the step of storing at least a portion of the incoming e-mail message in a database.

17. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application is selected from the group consisting of a lead tracking application, a job requisitioning application, an event planning application, a task list

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management application, a project management application, and an accountability application.

18. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates a reply to the incoming e-mail message to advance the processing of a task.

19. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application summarizes the interaction between one or more users of the e-mail-invoked application server.

20. (original): A computer program as recited in claim 19, wherein a task list is generated to summarize the interaction.

21. (canceled).

22. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates an event to advance the processing of a task.

23. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 16, wherein a reply to the e-mail message is utilized to generate another e-mail message to obtain information for the database.

24. (canceled)

25. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the e-mail message includes an attachment.

26. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, wherein the incoming e-mail message has one or more attributes, and further comprising:

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a code segment for generating an index based on the one or more attributes of the incoming e-mail message; and
a code segment for storing the index in a database.

27. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15, further comprising:

a code segment for storing the incoming e-mail message in a database;
a code segment for categorizing the content of the incoming email message into one or more categories; and
a code segment for permitting retrieval of information from the database according to at least one of the one or more categories.

28. (canceled).

29. (previously presented): A system for operating an e-mail-invoked application server, comprising:

logic for receiving an incoming e-mail message from a sender utilizing a network, wherein the incoming e-mail includes content and a destination address having an address format;

logic for determining which application of a plurality of applications available on the e-mail-invoked application server will accept the incoming e-mail for processing by comparing the address format of the destination address to acceptable address formats defined by the applications;

logic for refusing the incoming e-mail when it is determined that no application will accept the incoming e-mail for processing; and

logic for invoking at least one application to process the content of the incoming e-mail when it is determined that the address format of the destination address is one of the acceptable address formats defined by the at least one application.

30. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, further including logic for storing at least a portion of the incoming e-mail message in a database.

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31. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application is selected from the group consisting of a lead tracking application, a job requisitioning application, an event planning application, a task list management application, a project management application, and an accountability application.

32. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates a reply to the incoming e-mail message to advance the processing of a task.

33. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application summarizes the interaction between one or more users of the e-mail-invoked application server.

34. (original): A system as recited in claim 33, wherein a task list is generated to summarize the interaction.

35. (canceled).

36. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the at least one application invoked by the incoming e-mail generates an event to advance the processing of a task.

37. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 30, wherein a reply to the e-mail message is utilized to generate another e-mail message to obtain information for the database.

38. (canceled)

39. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the e-mail message includes an attachment.

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40. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, wherein the incoming e-mail message has one or more attributes, and further comprising:
logic for generating an index based on the one or more attributes of the incoming e-mail message; and
logic for storing the index in a database.

41. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29, further comprising:
logic for storing the incoming email message in a database;
logic for categorizing the content of the incoming e-mail message into one or more categories; and
logic for permitting retrieval of information from the database according to at least one of the one or more categories.

42. (canceled).

43. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 11 wherein the step of invoking at least one application is responsive to the attachment.

44. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 25 wherein the code segment for invoking at least one application is responsive to the attachment.

45. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 39 wherein the logic for invoking at least one application is responsive to the attachment.

46. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1 wherein one of the acceptable address formats defined by the plurality of applications is data@host.domain, wherein domain indicates a domain name of the e-mail-invoked application server, host indicates an application available in the domain, and data indicates information provided by the sender.

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47. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15 wherein one of the acceptable address formats defined by the plurality of applications is `data@host.domain`, wherein domain indicates a domain name of the e-mail-invoked application server, host indicates an application available in the domain, and data indicates information provided by the sender.

48. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29 wherein one of the acceptable address formats defined by the plurality of applications is `data@host.domain`, wherein domain indicates a domain name of the e-mail-invoked application server, host indicates an application available in the domain, and data indicates information provided by the sender.

49. (previously presented): A method as recited in claim 1 further including the steps of

determining a recipient email address of an actual recipient of the incoming e-mail; and

transmitting the incoming e-mail message to the recipient email address utilizing the network.

50. (previously presented): A computer program as recited in claim 15 further including

a code segment for determining a recipient email address of an actual recipient of the incoming e-mail; and

a code segment for transmitting the incoming e-mail message to the recipient email address utilizing the network.

51. (previously presented): A system as recited in claim 29 further including logic for determining a recipient email address of an actual recipient of the incoming e-mail; and

logic for transmitting the incoming e-mail message to the recipient email address utilizing the network.